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# THE HEDGEHOG





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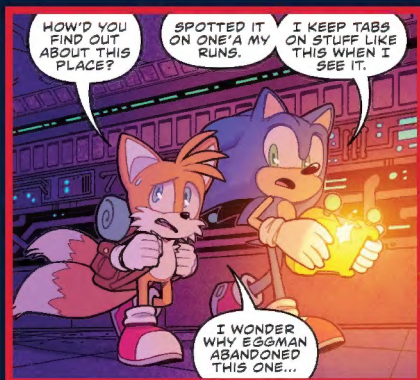
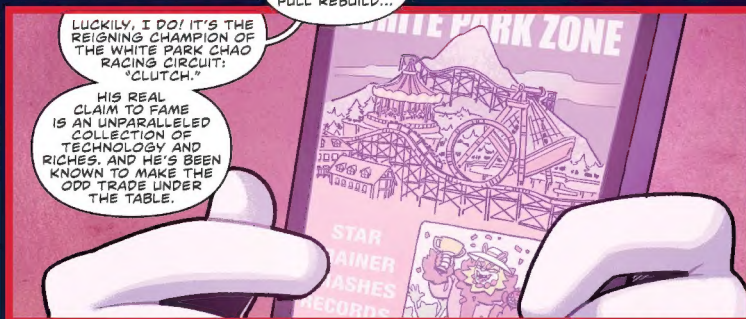


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**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**

The Blue Blur.  
Fastest Thing Alive.



**AMY ROSE**

Adventure-ready heroine.  
The chaperone.



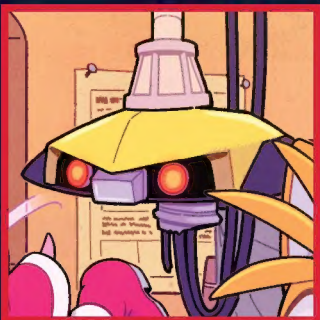
**MILES "TAILS" PROWER**

Boy genius.  
The brains.



**ROUGE THE BAT**

Treasure-loving spy.  
The swindler.



**E-123 OMEGA**

Damaged robot.  
Stuck in a bag.



**CREAM THE RABBIT**

Compassionate heroine.  
The cutest thing alive.



**CHEESE**

Excitable chao.  
The tiny sidekick.



**GEMERL**

Reformed Robot.  
The muscle.



MORNING AT  
THE WHITE  
PARK CHATEAU.

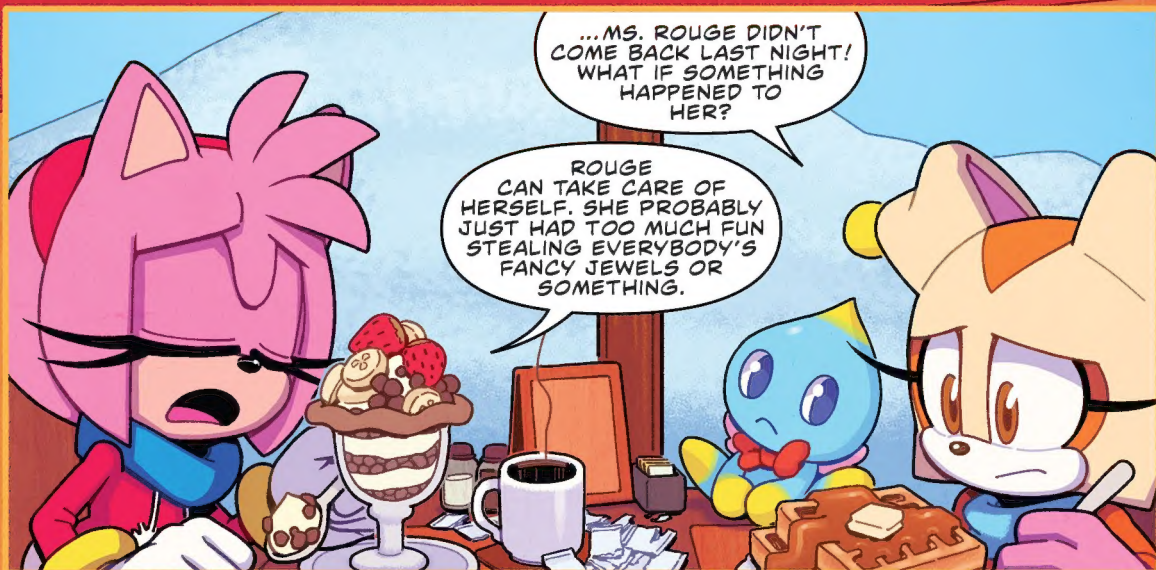
SOMETHING  
ON YOUR MIND,  
CREAM? YOU'VE  
HARDLY TOUCHED  
YOUR WAFFLE.

I'M  
WORRIED...

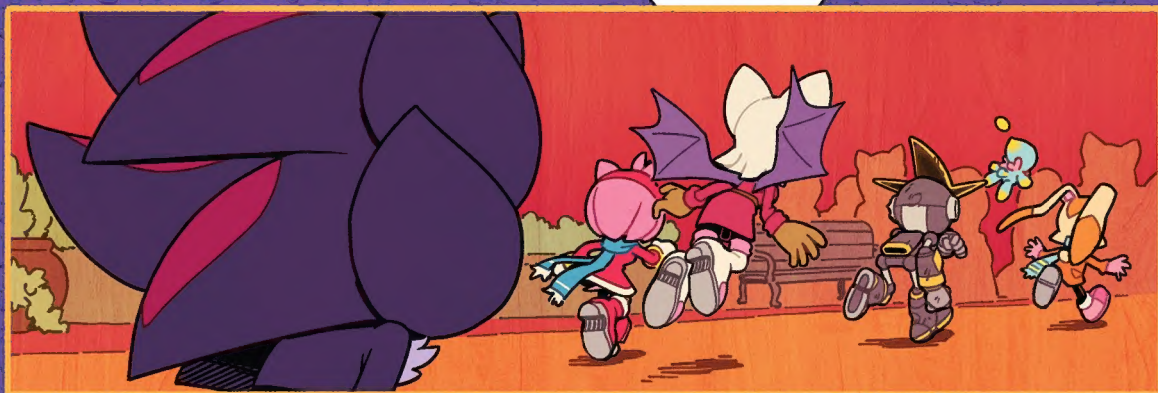


...MS. ROUGE DIDN'T  
COME BACK LAST NIGHT!  
WHAT IF SOMETHING  
HAPPENED TO  
HER?

ROUGE  
CAN TAKE CARE OF  
HERSELF. SHE PROBABLY  
JUST HAD TOO MUCH FUN  
STEALING EVERYBODY'S  
FANCY JEWELS OR  
SOMETHING.



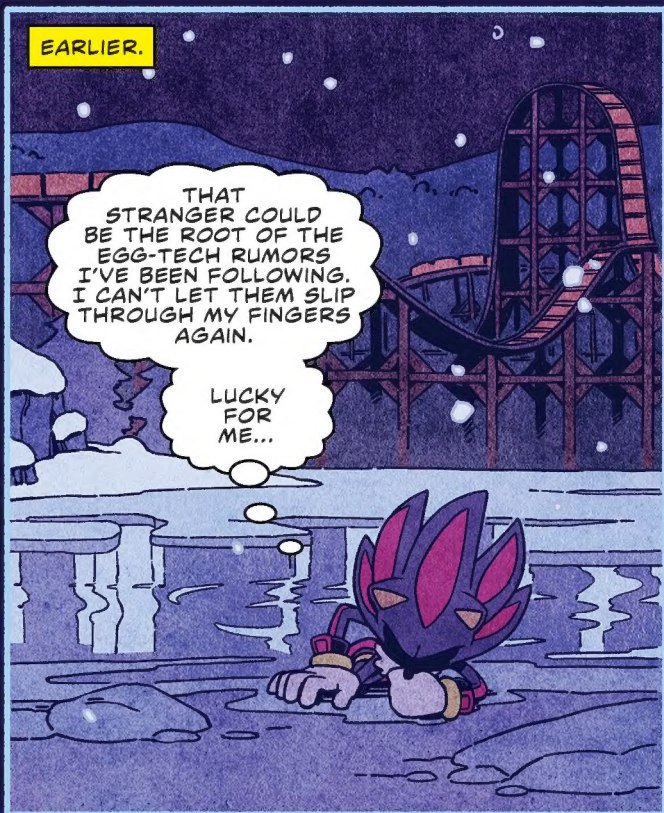








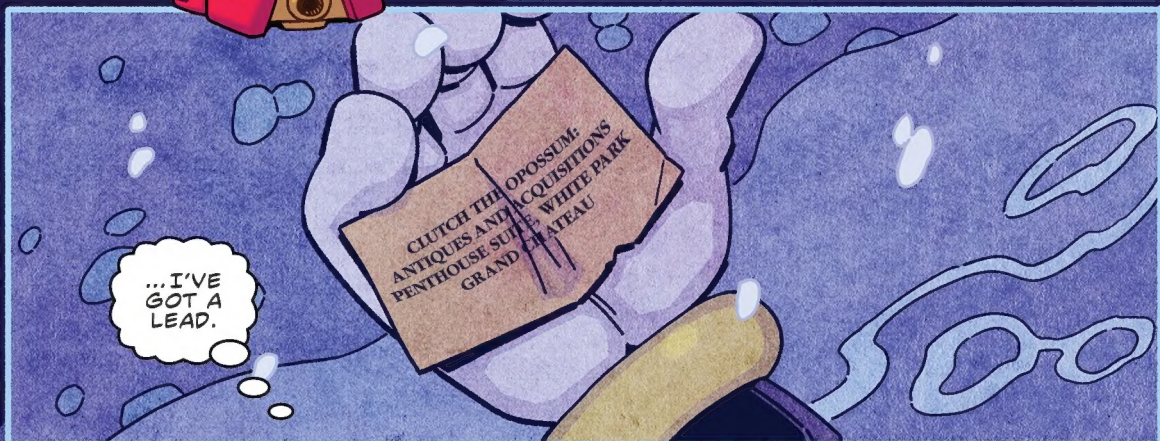
USELESS PAGEANTRY. IF I'M GOING TO FIND THE ONE WHO BEAT ME, IT WON'T BE IN THAT RABBLE.



EARLIER.

THAT STRANGER COULD BE THE ROOT OF THE EGG-TECH RUMORS I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING. I CAN'T LET THEM SLIP THROUGH MY FINGERS AGAIN.

LUCKY FOR ME...



...I'VE GOT A LEAD.

CLUTCH THE OPOSSUM:  
ANTIQUES AND ACQUISITIONS  
PENTHOUSE SUITE, WHITE PARK  
GRAND CHATEAU



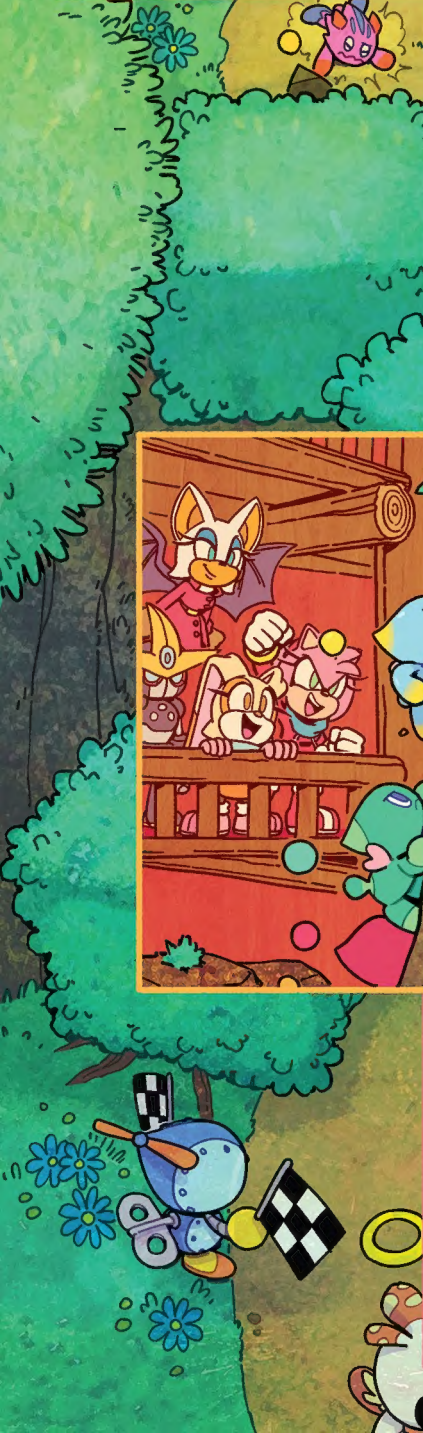
I HOPE THEY MAKE USE OF THE TIME THEY HAVE LEFT...



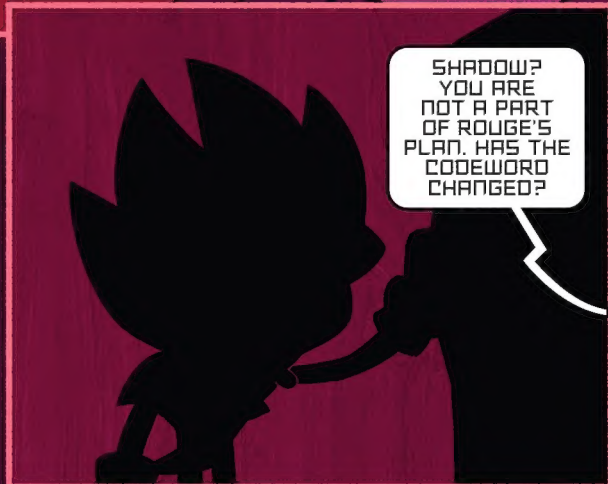
...BECAUSE I WON'T LEAVE THEM MUCH.

NOW.

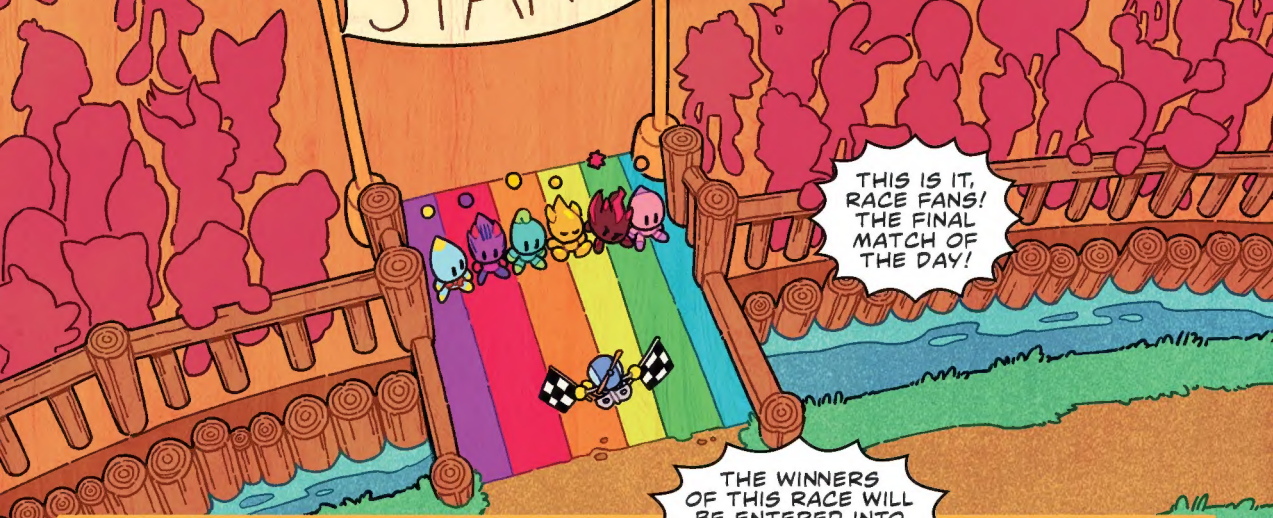




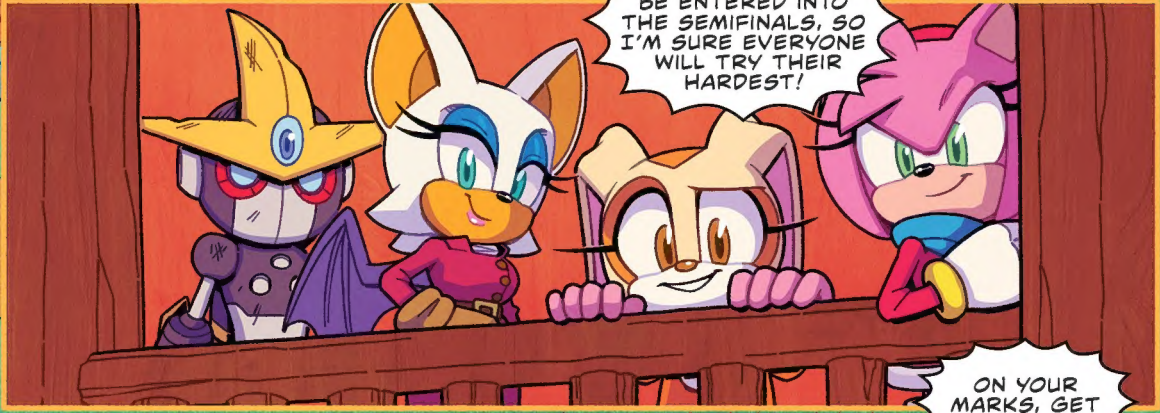






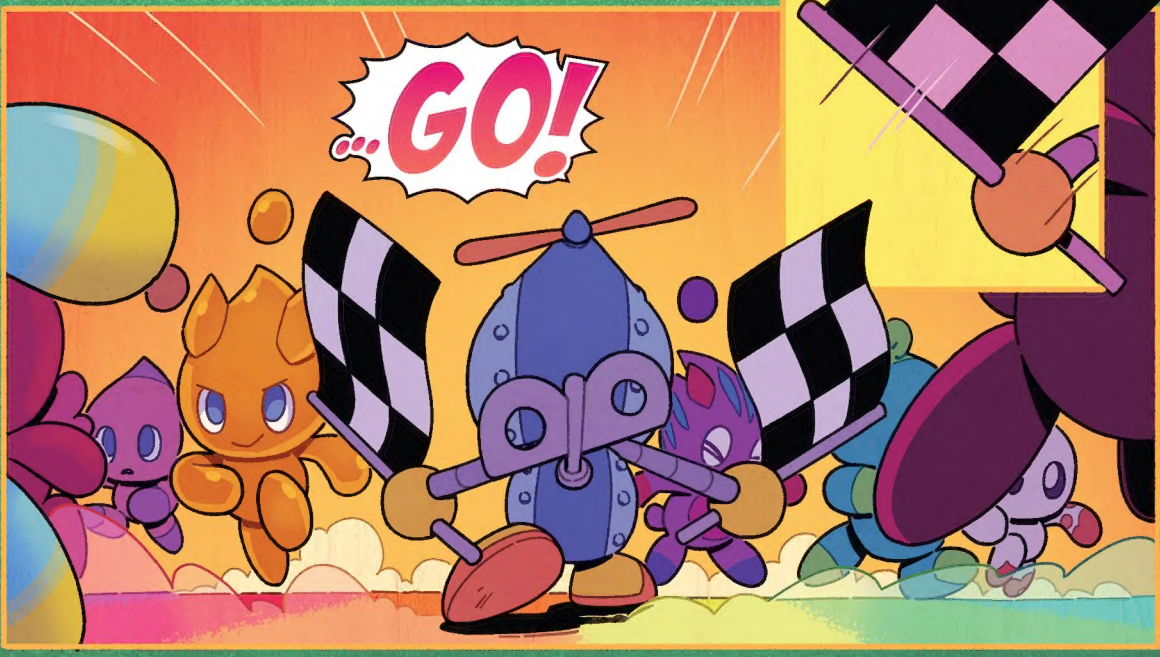
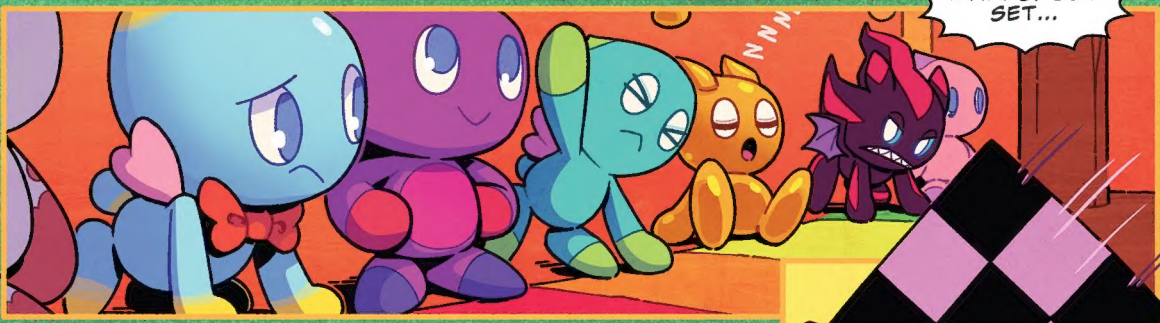


THIS IS IT,  
RACE FANS!  
THE FINAL  
MATCH OF  
THE DAY!



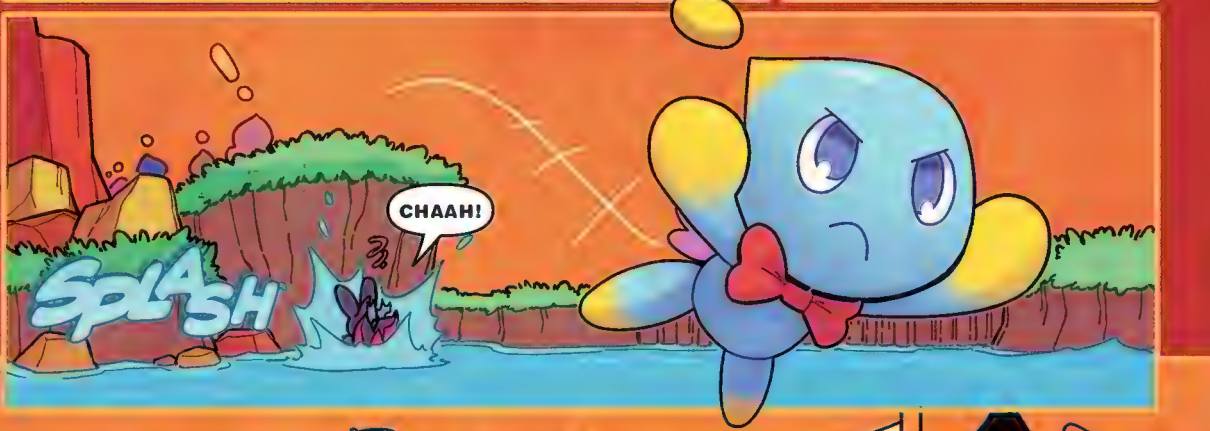
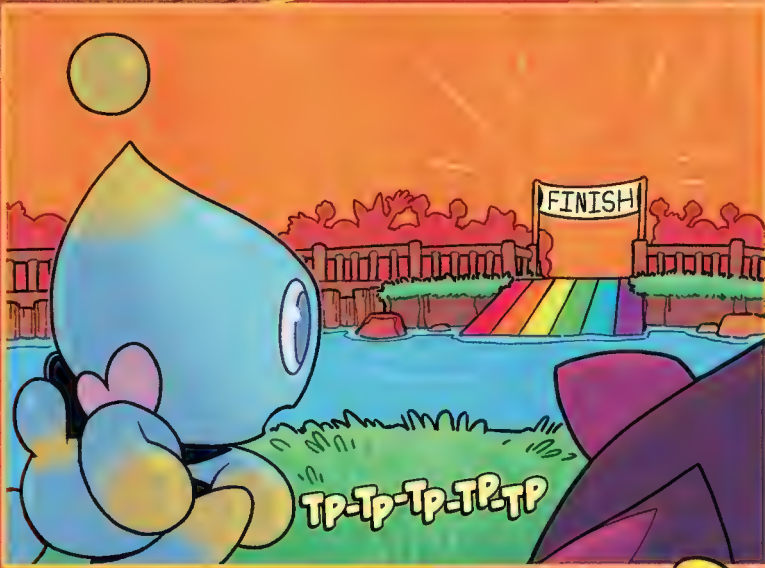
THE WINNERS  
OF THIS RACE WILL  
BE ENTERED INTO  
THE SEMIFINALS, SO  
I'M SURE EVERYONE  
WILL TRY THEIR  
HARDEST!

ON YOUR  
MARKS, GET  
SET...

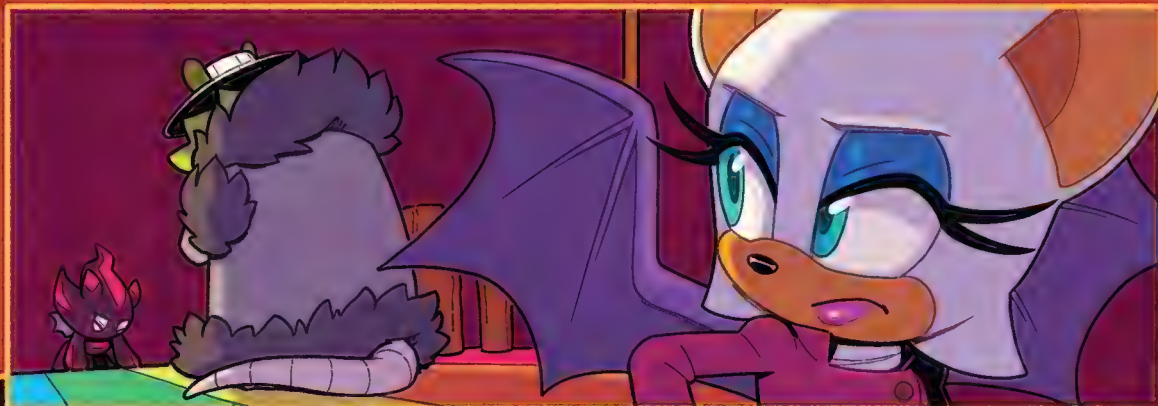


...GO!













UGH, FINE. I NEED CHEESE WITH ME SO I CAN GET CLUTCH ALONE. HE THINKS IT'LL BE A TRADE, A CHAO FOR THE PARTS WE NEED, BUT...

...I'VE GOT A PLAN TO TURN THE TABLES ON HIM. THIS GAMBIT'S A BIT MUCH FOR YOU DO-GOODERS THOUGH, SO WHY DON'T YOU LET ME--

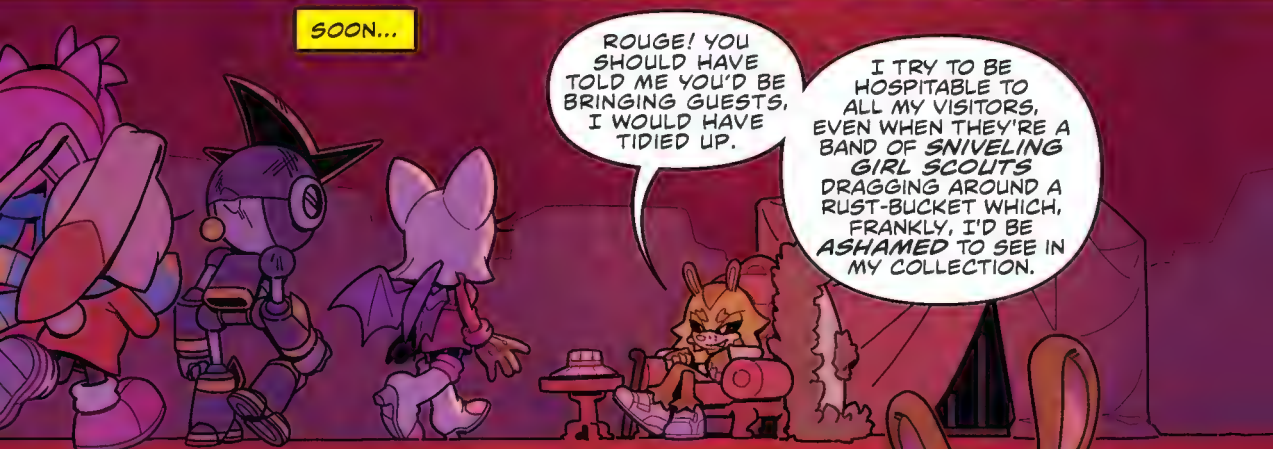
--DO-GOODER, SHMOOGOODER. WE CAN HANDLE IT!

BESIDES, YOU'LL NEED SOMEONE TO WATCH YOUR BACK.



MY, HOW DARING... I'M IMPRESSED!

A TEAM'S A TEAM. MIGHT EVEN BE FUN!



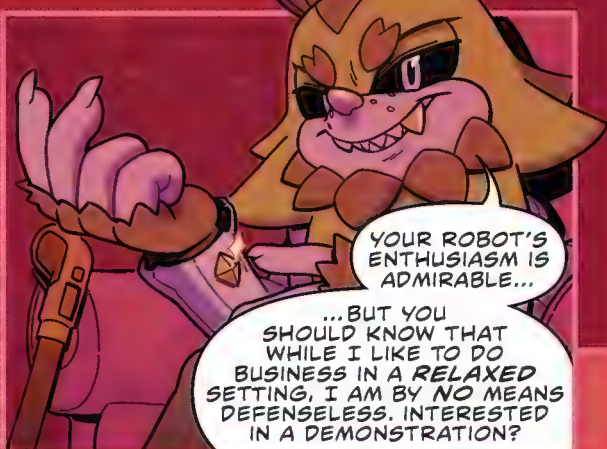
SOON...

ROUGE! YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME YOU'D BE BRINGING GUESTS. I WOULD HAVE TIED UP.

I TRY TO BE HOSPITABLE TO ALL MY VISITORS, EVEN WHEN THEY'RE A BAND OF *SNIVELING GIRL SCOUTS* DRAGGING AROUND A RUST-BUCKET WHICH, FRANKLY, I'D BE *ASHAMED* TO SEE IN MY COLLECTION.

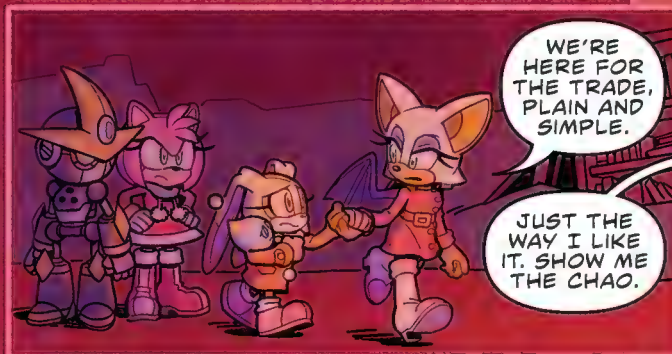


SIMMER DOWN! WE NEED TACT, NOT MUSCLE.



YOUR ROBOT'S ENTHUSIASM IS ADMIRABLE...

...BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WHILE I LIKE TO DO BUSINESS IN A *RELAXED* SETTING, I AM BY *NO* MEANS DEFENSELESS. INTERESTED IN A DEMONSTRATION?



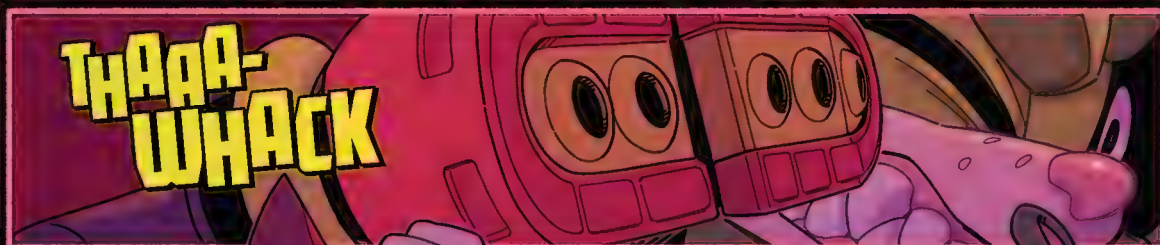
WE'RE HERE FOR THE TRADE, PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

JUST THE WAY I LIKE IT. SHOW ME THE CHAO.

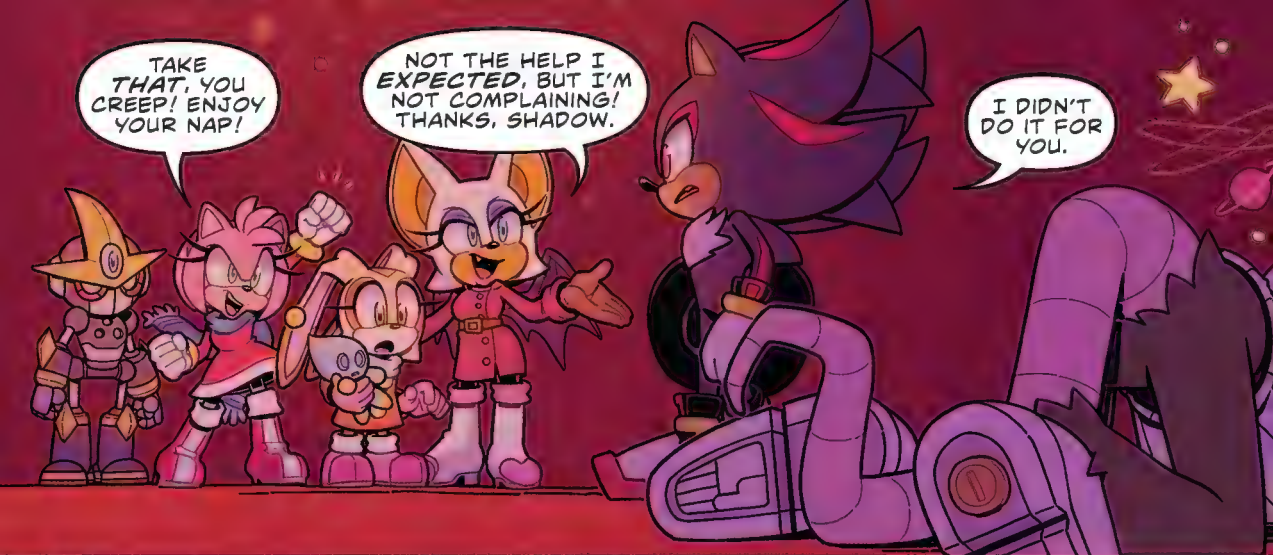


DON'T WORRY. I'VE GOT THIS UNDER CONTROL.









TAKE THAT, YOU CREEP! ENJOY YOUR NAP!

NOT THE HELP I EXPECTED, BUT I'M NOT COMPLAINING! THANKS, SHADOW.

I DIDN'T DO IT FOR YOU.



CHECK UNDER THAT CLOTH-- YOU MAY WANT TO TAKE CARE OF WHAT'S BENEATH.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

TO FIND A REAL CHALLENGE.



OH MY GOODNESS...!

CHAO!



YOU POOR THINGS! SO THIS IS WHY YOU RACED SO HARD... THAT NASTY MR. CLUTCH WOULD PUT YOU BACK IN HERE IF YOU LOST!

CHAO  
CH-CHAO...





WE  
HAVE TO  
GET THEM  
OUT.

AGREED,  
BUT I DO NOT  
THINK IT WILL  
BE EASY.



HEY,  
YOU'RE  
LEAVING,  
TOO?

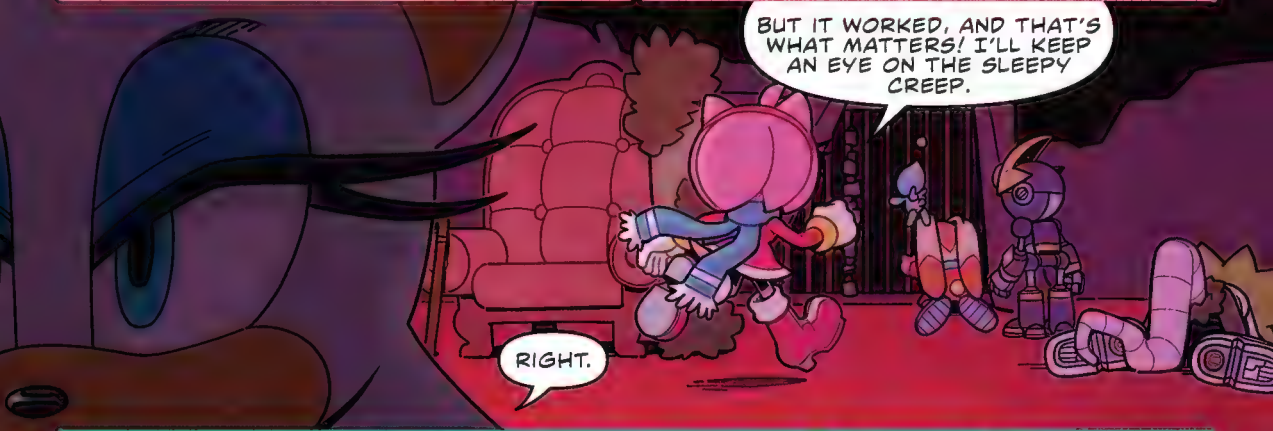
OH?  
UH--



--I'M GONNA  
CALL TAILS. WE  
COULD USE HIS HELP  
PICKING OUT THE  
RIGHT PARTS  
FOR OMEGA.

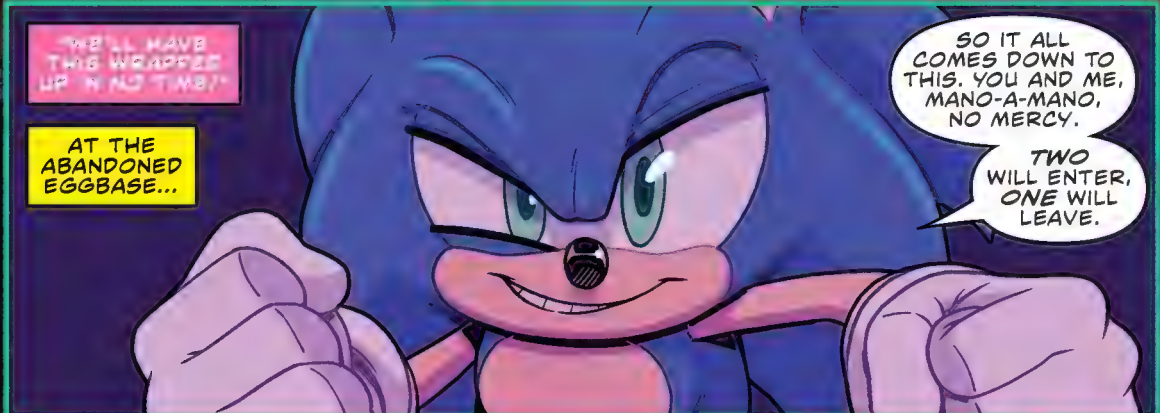
OK! AND  
ROUGE?  
GOOD  
PLAN.

YOU DON'T  
EVEN KNOW WHAT  
WAS SUPPOSED  
TO HAPPEN!



BUT IT WORKED, AND THAT'S  
WHAT MATTERS! I'LL KEEP  
AN EYE ON THE SLEEPY  
CREEP.

RIGHT.



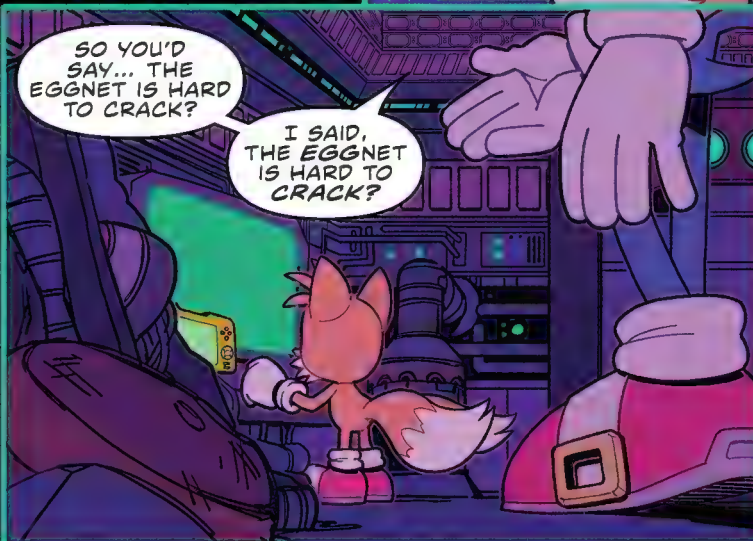
WE'LL HAVE  
THIS WRAPPED  
UP IN NO TIME!

AT THE  
ABANDONED  
EGGBASE...

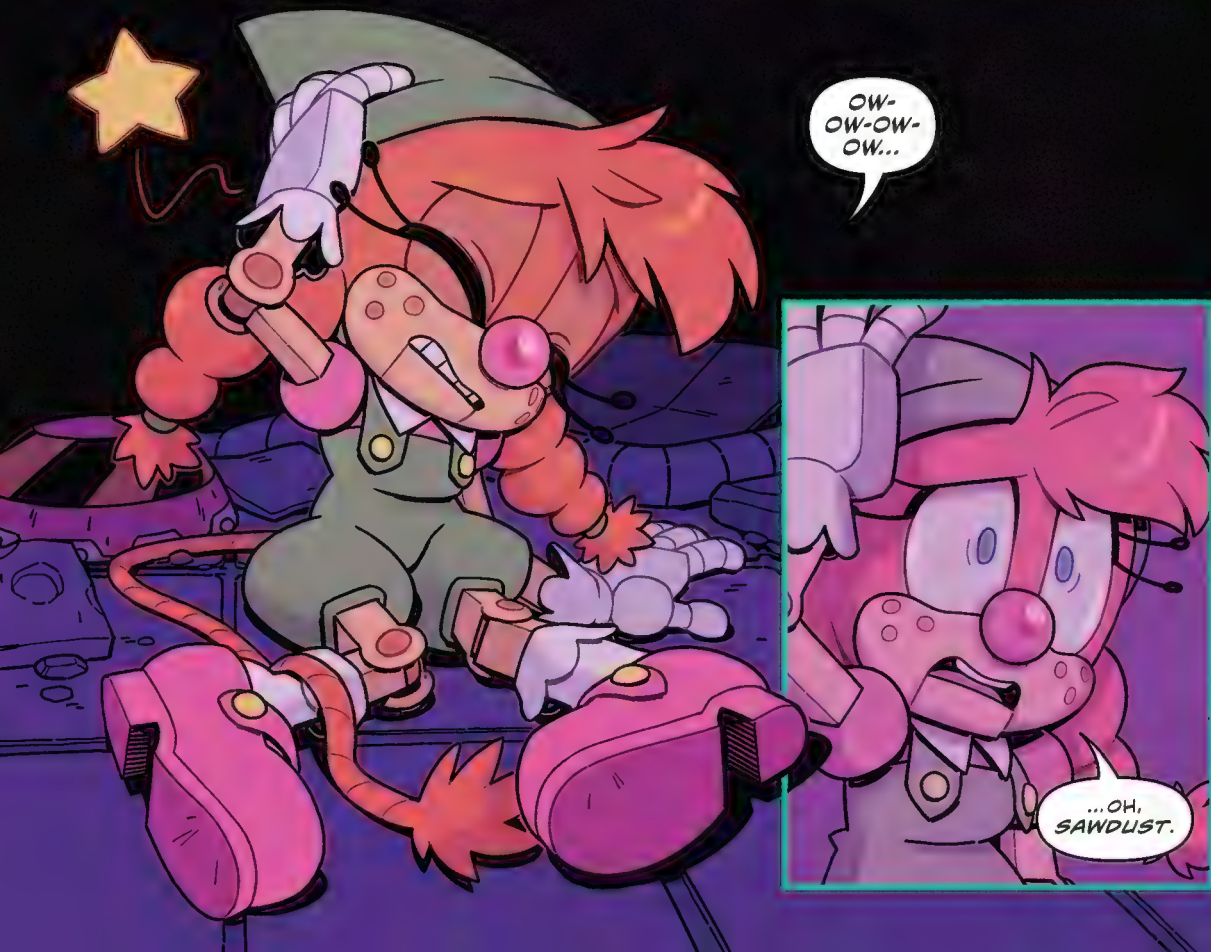
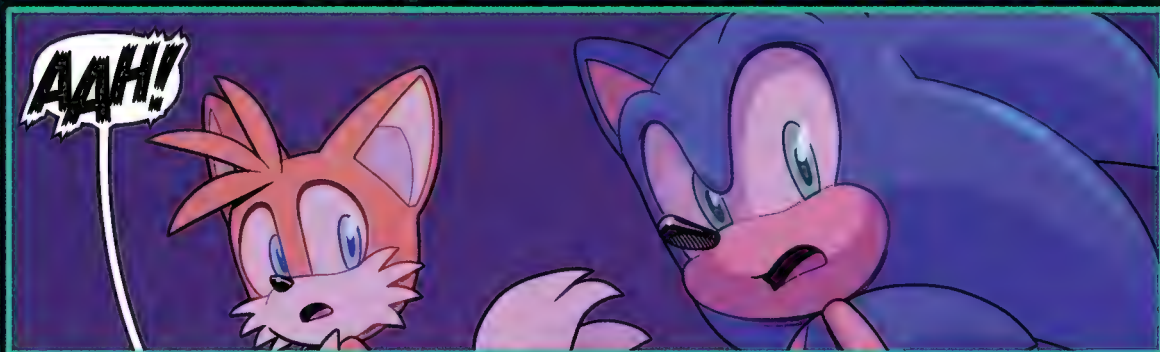
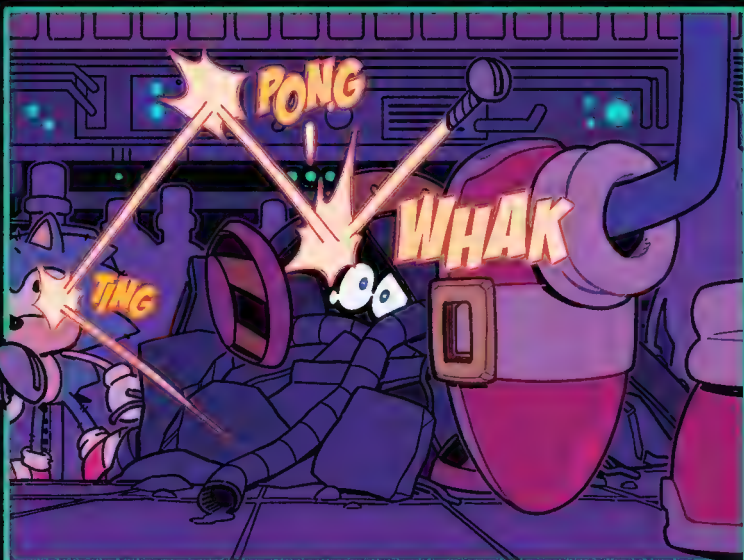
SO IT ALL  
COMES DOWN TO  
THIS. YOU AND ME,  
MANO-A-MANO,  
NO MERCY.

TWO  
WILL ENTER,  
ONE WILL  
LEAVE.

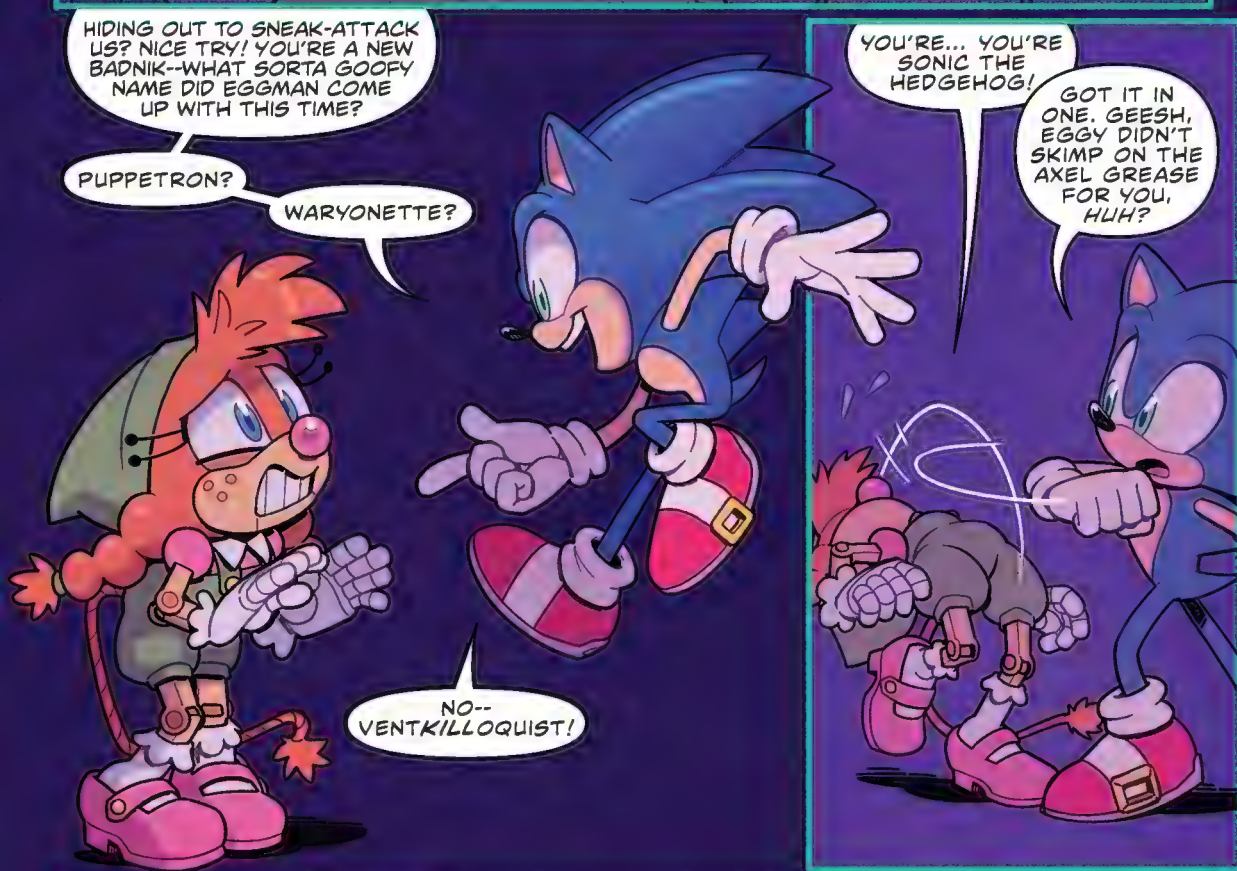














HA!



AHH-  
MY TAIL!  
DON'T  
PULL IT!

?!  
KRRR

KRRR  
DING



WHAM

HELLO...! NOW  
IT'S GETTING  
INTERESTING!



OH, NO! I AM SO SORRY, IT'S  
A REFLEX, I CAN'T CONTROL IT,  
HONEST! I'M NOT A BADNIK,  
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW  
TO FIGHT!



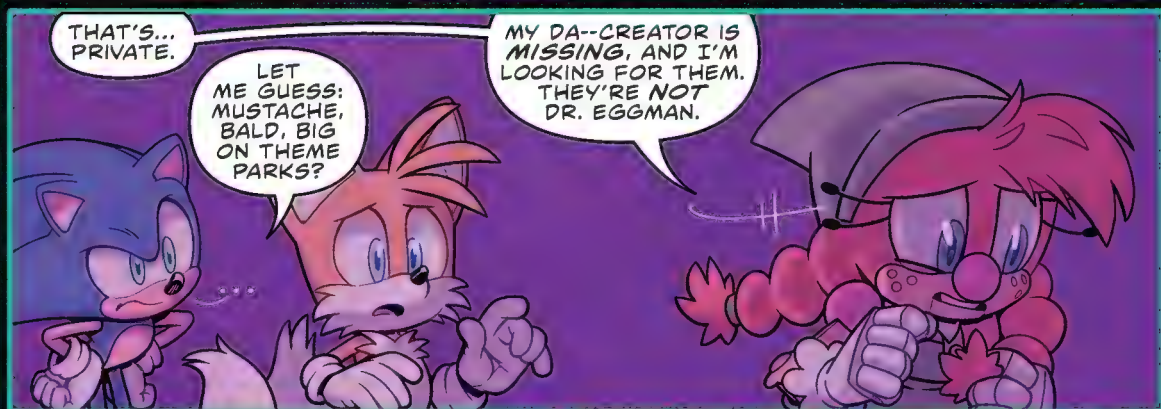
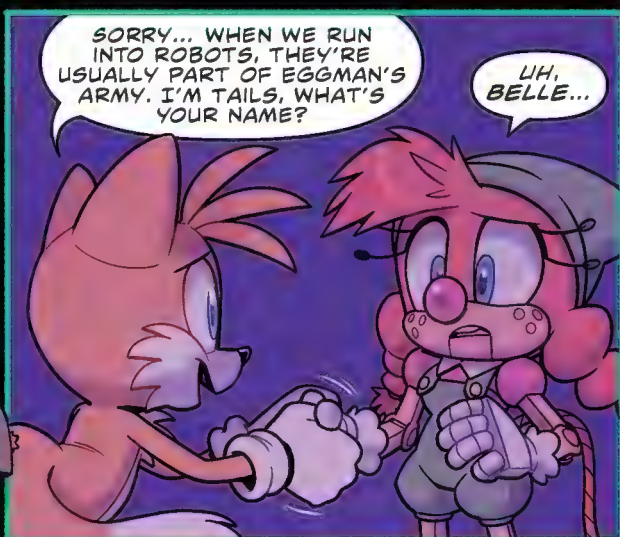
P-PLEASE  
DON'T USE  
YOUR BUZZSAW  
HAIR ON ME.

SONIC.

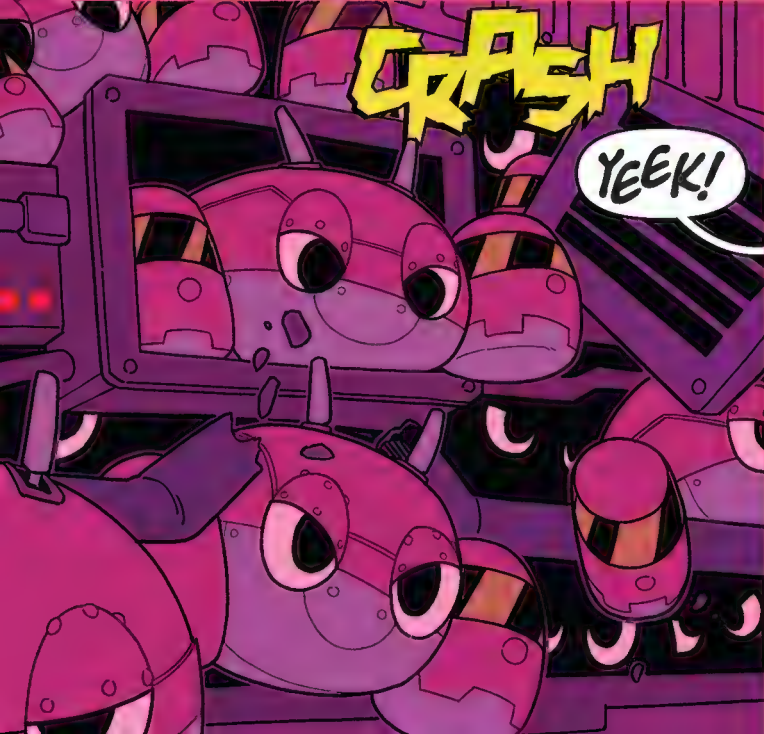
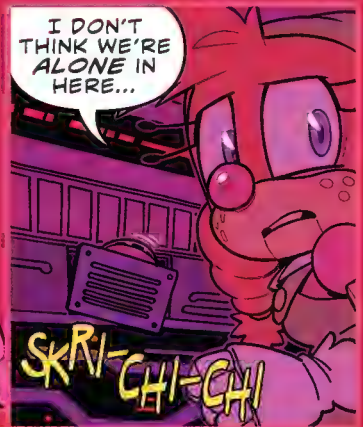
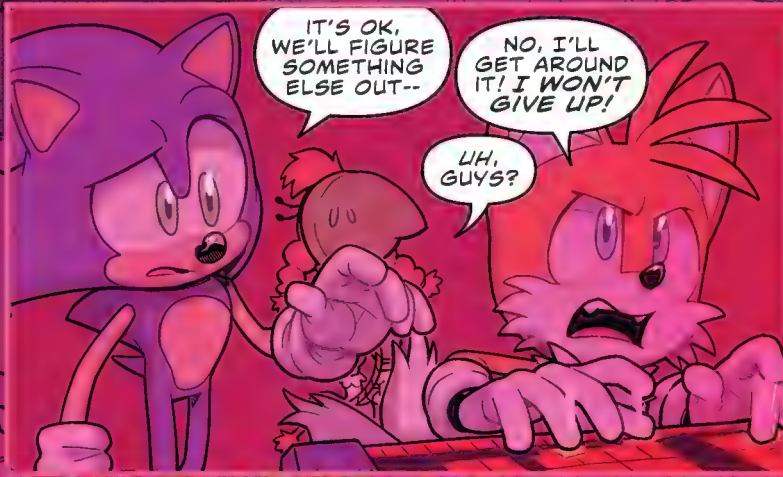
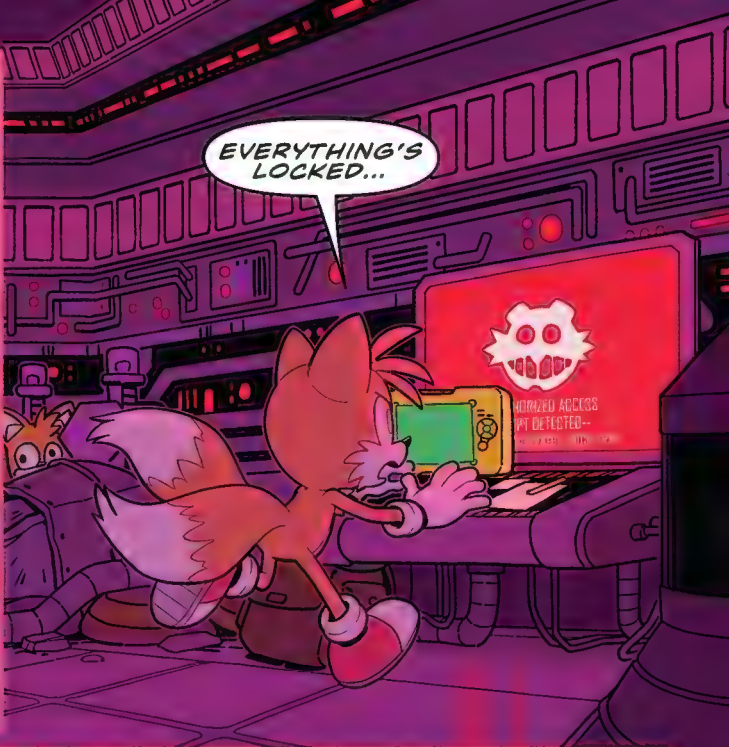
YEAH,  
YEAH, I  
HEARD 'ER.  
I'M DONE.



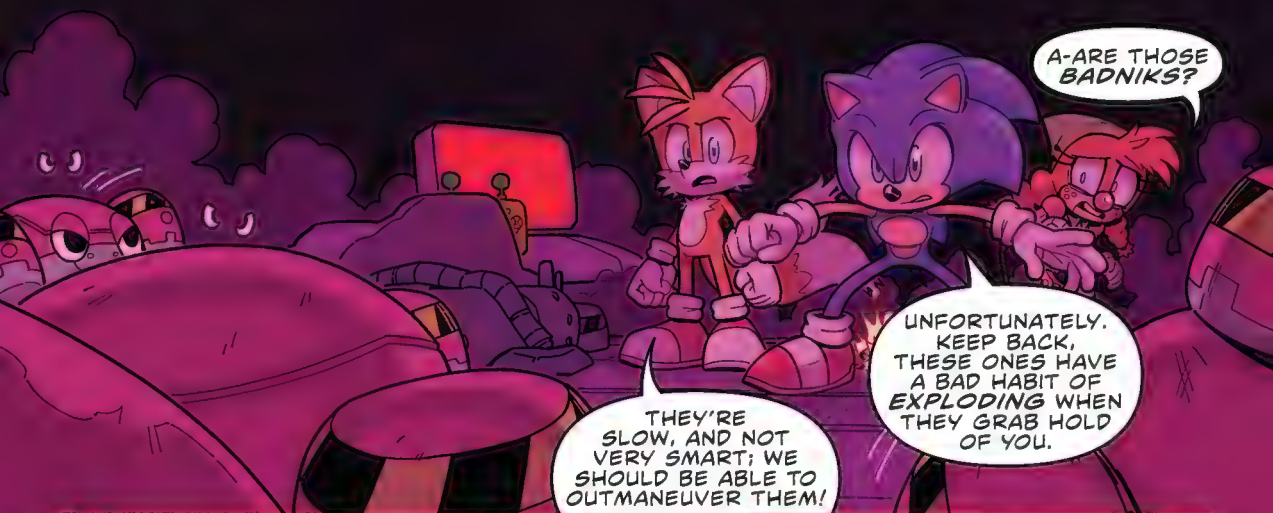








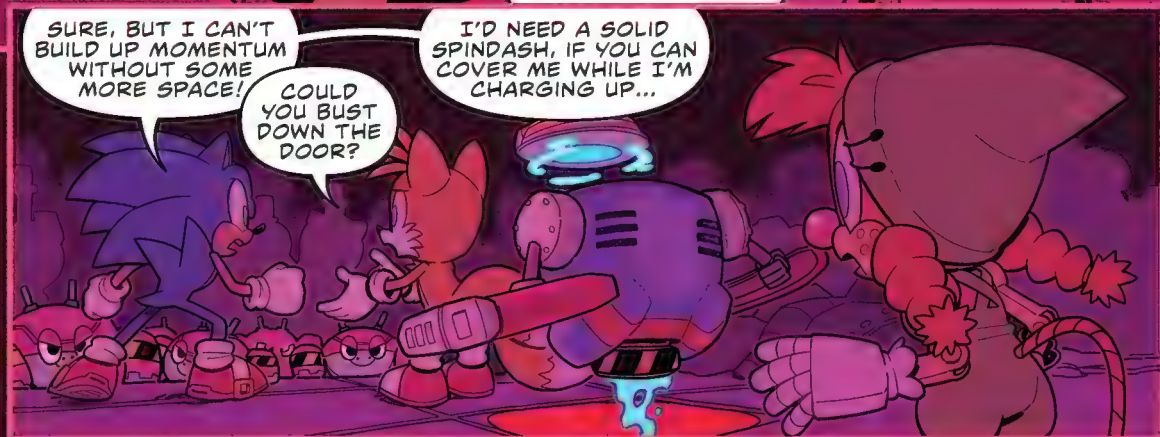




A-ARE THOSE  
BADNIKS?

UNFORTUNATELY.  
KEEP BACK.  
THESE ONES HAVE  
A BAD HABIT OF  
EXPLODING WHEN  
THEY GRAB HOLD  
OF YOU.

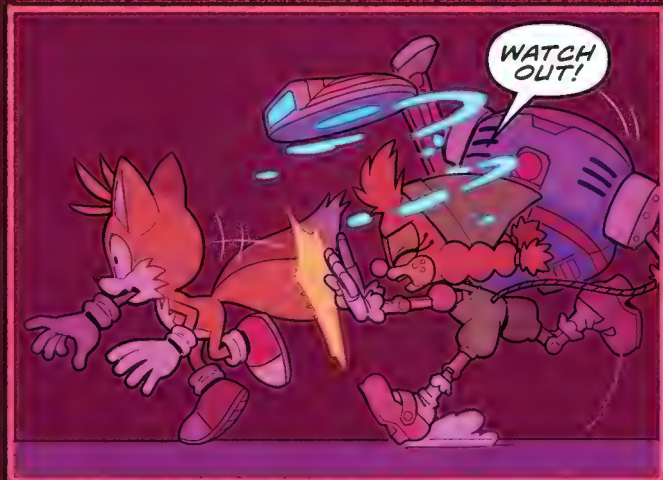
THEY'RE  
SLOW, AND NOT  
VERY SMART; WE  
SHOULD BE ABLE TO  
OUTMANEUVER THEM!



SURE, BUT I CAN'T  
BUILD UP MOMENTUM  
WITHOUT SOME  
MORE SPACE!

COULD  
YOU BUST  
DOWN THE  
DOOR?

I'D NEED A SOLID  
SPINDASH, IF YOU CAN  
COVER ME WHILE I'M  
CHARGING UP...



WATCH  
OUT!



AAH!

BELLE!



OH,  
NO, YOU  
DON'T!

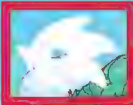
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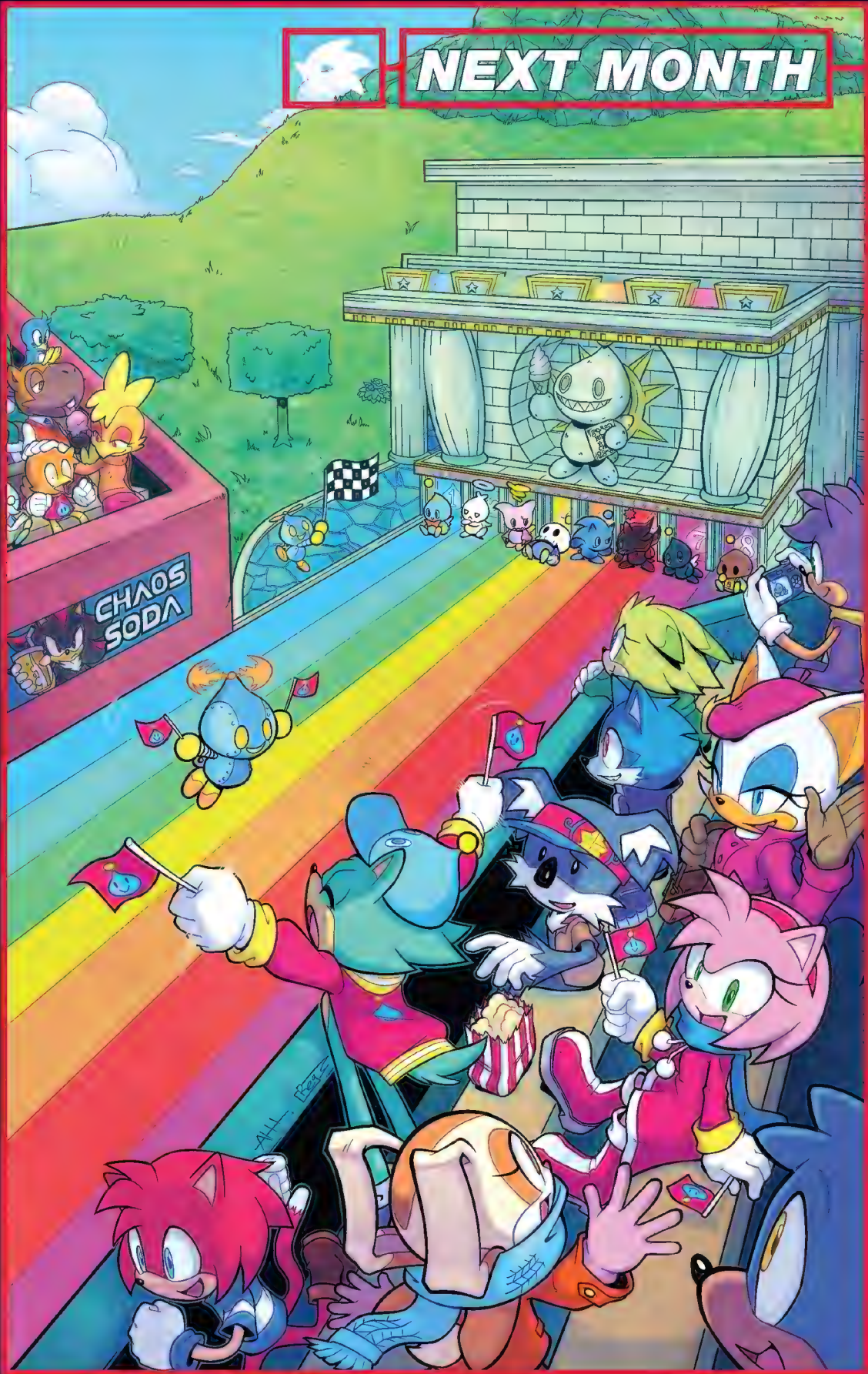


**NEXT TIME:  
THE RACE IS ON!**





# NEXT MONTH





# SONIC

# LETTERS SQUAD



IMAGE OF  
CHARLIZE'S COSPLAY GROUP

*What's up, Squad! Oh, sawdust, looks like Sonic, Tails, and Belle are in a real pickle! Thanks for joining Evan Stanley, Reggie Graham, and Shawn Lee for "Chao Races and Badnik Bases" part two. Now, on to the letters!*

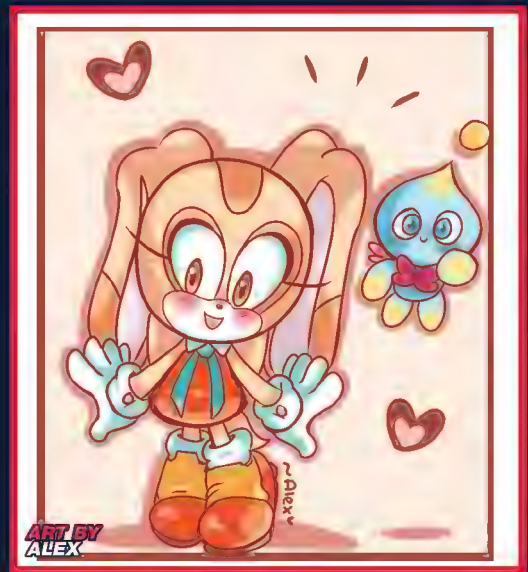
*somewhere... Or maybe a Froggy!? If not, I hope to see some of you at a con someday to take some pictures! Thank you for reading the comic and enjoying it, I'm so glad they give you something to look forward to.*

Hello IDW team,

My name is Charlize, and I'd really like to say that these comics are truly amazing. It's something that gets me excited to wake up in the morning and read! The picture includes my Sonic cosplay group, and we have even more people joining right now! We're all excited to see more Sonic content. Thank you all for working so hard :)

Hello, Charlize,

*Your cosplay group is way past cool! You all did a lovely job of making costumes and props and styling wigs to make ears and quills. Do you need a Blaze the Cat? I think I have a purple shirt around here*





Dear IDW

I have been a huge Sonic fan ever since I was 4 years old. My first game in the series was *Sonic Rush* on the DS, and have ever since fell in love with the games and TV shows. I'm currently busy with my first year in university, mainly doing 3D Animation, as I would love to work for SEGA in the near future.

After I started reading the IDW comics, I was amazed by how good the storyline and character development was, and I got super emotional when we finally got to see Silver's good future. The team behind the comics have done an amazing job at capturing the essence of Sonic's world, and for that I can't thank you guys enough!

I'm super excited to see what the future of this series holds. In the meantime, I've drawn some Whisper art as I'm a big fan of the character. Keep up the great work!

Regards,  
Brandon



Dear Brandon,

*From four years old to a first-year university student is a long time to be a Sonic fan! It's awesome that you've gotten to grow up with Sonic and that he's inspired you to learn 3D animation. Hopefully one day you'll be able to work with SEGA and create something even more iconic than Green Hill Zone!*

*Isn't Silver the best? I shed a tear when I saw his future had returned to normal. The creative team works hard to capture the look and feel of Sonic's world and it's always really rewarding when that hard work pays off in emotional moments like that.*

*Thank you for your excitement, your support, and your super fun Whisper art.*

*Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to [letters@idwpublishing.com](mailto:letters@idwpublishing.com), and make sure to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Join us next time for more "Chao Races and Badnik Bases"!*







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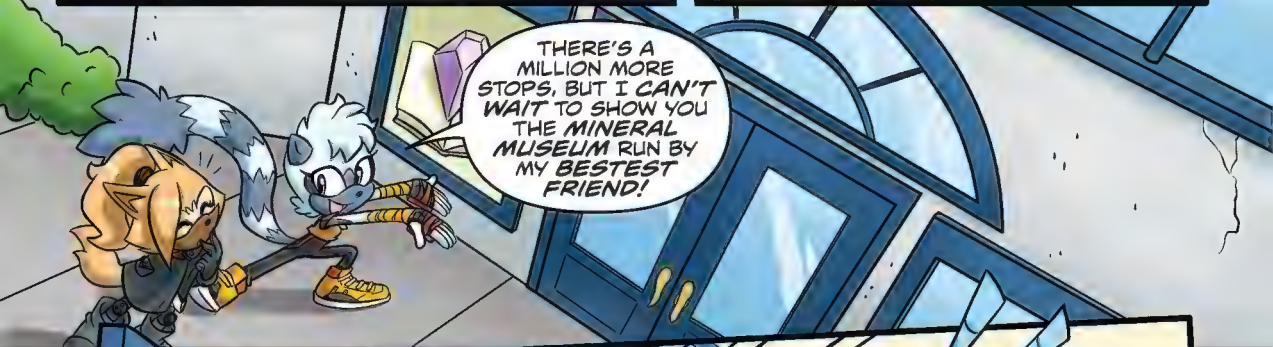
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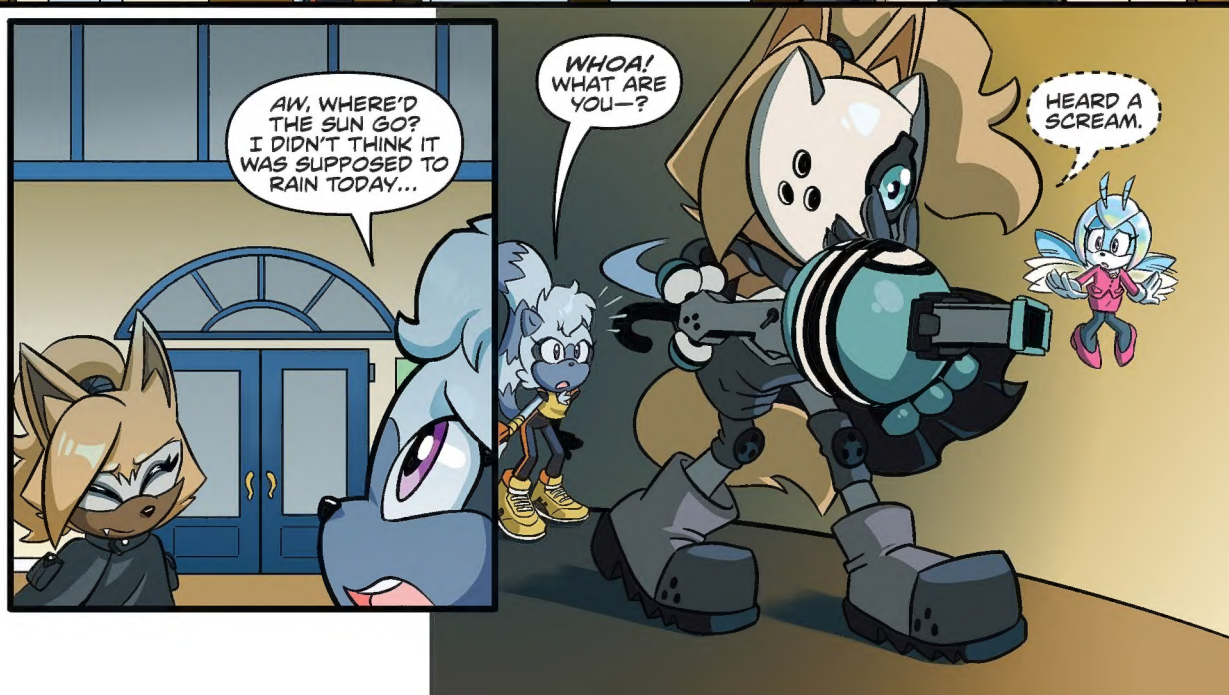
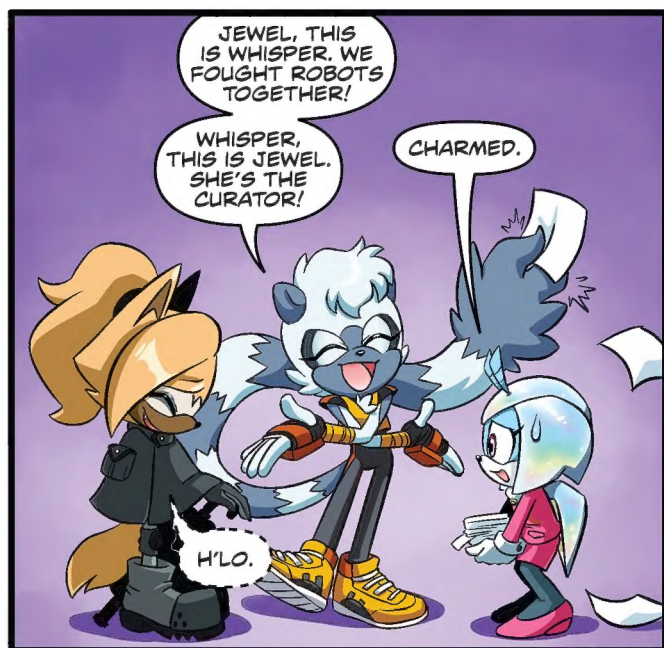
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